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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/589,493 : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
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FOR: METHOD OF DETECTING AND :
IDENTIFYING GRAM-NEGATIVE :
OBLIGATIVE ANAEROBIC :
BACTERIUM :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated March 4, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this response.